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Dear Department of Ecology,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on transportation electrification and clean vehicles in Washington State as part of your ZEVergreen process. I appreciate your work to make sure that our state is a leader in building a clean transportation future that reduces harmful pollution and works for everyone.

As you develop clean transportation strategies, I encourage state leaders to prioritize the following:

Accelerate the transition to zero-emission trucks by adopting policies that reduce transportation pollution around ports and warehouses and offering rebates that incentivize zero-emission trucks. Communities near freight hubs have been burdened by a disproportionate share of health-threatening transportation pollution for far too long.

Adopt policies that lower the cost of purchasing and owning electric vehicles given that the federal government is no longer providing a tax incentive.

Secure reliable multi-year funding for equitable clean truck and clean car incentives through innovative policies such as a retail delivery charge and a revenue-neutral clean commercial vehicle incentive program.

Since the current US administration is trying to take us backwards and dismantle all the progress we have made to mitigate the dire impact of climate change; it is imperative that states make this a top priority.